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For: Method And Device For Producing Card-
Like Information Carriers

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the present application.

German reference 39 16 708 discloses a method for placing and sealing information on a card shaped data carrier.

German reference 31 38 857 discloses a method for producing finished moldings with regions of different cross-section, in particular chamber and membrane filter plates.

German reference 30 01 172 discloses a pressing device for producing plates made out of thermoplastic.

German reference 41 18 814 discloses a method and apparatus for gluing together a circuit board made of individual plates.

German reference 92 18 985 discloses a laminator for producing a credit card or an identity card.

European reference 669 214 discloses a method for applying and sealing information onto a card shaped information carrier.

Applicants do not have English language translations of any of the German language references. However, where available applicant has attached English language abstracts.

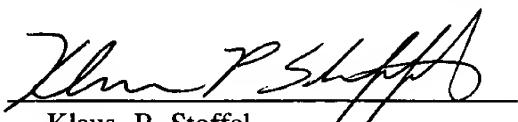
The present invention defines a specific method and a specific device for producing card-like information carriers which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56(b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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